

REMARKS

The following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response to the outstanding Action. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 2 have been amended for clarity. No new matter has been introduced. Claims 1-6 are pending in this application, of which claims 3 and 6 have been withdrawn from consideration (see Paper No. 7 dated September 27, 2002). *new issue*

Claim Rejections

Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

The rejection with respect to claims 3 and 6 is unclear since claims 3 and 6 have been indicated in Paper No. 7 dated September 27 2002 as being withdrawn from consideration. A response thereto is not necessary if claims 3 and 6 were not under consideration. *my mistake*

Claim 1 has been amended to clarify the phrase deemed indefinite in item 3 of the outstanding Action.

Referring to claim 2, as amended, and claims 4 and 5, they contain further limitations such as the anti-static function and hard coat material that narrow the scope of claim 1 from which the claims directly or indirectly depend, and therefore it is respectfully submitted that they are not de facto duplicates of claim 1. *✓*

Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schroeder et al. (of record, “Schroeder”) in view of Nishizawa et al. (of record, “Nishizawa”).

The rejection with respect to claims 3 and 6 is unclear since claims 3 and 6 have been indicated in Paper No. 7 dated September 27 2002 as being withdrawn from consideration. A response thereto is not necessary if claims 3 and 6 were not under consideration.

Referring to the present invention as set forth in claim 1 from which claims 2, 4 and 5 directly or indirectly depend (“claimed invention”), it requires an adhesive film (layer) for a display which has an effect that is superior in productivity without decreasing the anti-reflection property, by coloring the adhesive layer.

By contrast, **Nishizawa** merely discloses that a body color of the cathode ray tube can be changed to an achromatic color by adding a coloring matter to the low refractive index layer formed on a surface thereof, but does not disclose that an adhesive layer is needed or provided. As such, **Nishizawa** is not at all concern with the colored adhesive layer as required by the claimed invention.

As to **Schroeder**, it teaches a colorless and transparent laminated structure including an anti-reflective film layer. Such teaching would provide no motivation for one skilled in the art to even apply coloring, much less coloring in a relationship of complementary colors to a laminated structure.

Additionally, an anti-reflection technique in **Schroeder** is achieved by forming a roughened surface on the surface thereof, and such technique is different from either

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Nishizawa or that of the claimed invention in which a low refractive index layer is provided on a surface thereof.

Therefore, there is simple no motivation or ground for applying the technical means of **Nishizawa** relating to achromatic into **Schroeder**, especially since the anti-reflection technical means of **Nishizawa** is completely different from that of **Schroeder** as described above.

Moreover, with respect to the remarks in a previous response that **Schroeder** does not have a multilayer anti-reflective layer, the Examiner purported that the present invention lacks such structural limitation for the anti-reflective layer. However, both techniques of **Nishizawa** and **Schroeder** are attained by completely different technical means, respectively. For instance, **Nishizawa** teaches an anti-reflection technique due to forming a multilayer anti-reflective layer, and on the other hand, **Schroeder** teaches an anti-reflection technique due to simply roughening the surface as described above. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that there is no motivation or ground for combining **Nishizawa** and **Schroeder** for at least this additional reason.

In addition, the technical means of coloring the adhesive layer of **Schroeder** is not described in **Nishizawa**. Therefore, even if **Nishizawa** can be combined with **Schroeder**, such combination still fails to yield the construction of the claimed invention and is unobvious to one skilled in the art.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application, withdrawal of the outstanding rejections, allowance of claims 1-6 (with rejoinder), and the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowability are respectfully solicited.

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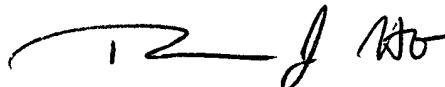
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If this application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, Applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2300. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300.

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Enclosure: Marked-Up Version of Amended Claims

MARKED-UP VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIMS

1. (Twice Amended) An adhesive film for a display, comprising:
 - a transparent substrate,
 - an anti-reflection layer provided on one surface of said transparent substrate,and
 - an adhesive layer provided on the other surface of said transparent substrate, said anti-reflection layer and said adhesive layer each having a predetermined color for rendering said adhesive film achromatic when said [layers are mixed] predetermined color of said anti-reflection layer is mixed with said predetermined color of said adhesive layer.
2. (Twice Amended) The adhesive film in accordance with claim 1, wherein said anti-reflection layer further has an [anti-reflection] anti-static function.